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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, EG

SUBJ: SUEZ CANAL SALVAGE

1. CAPTAIN BOYD OF THE SUEZ CANAL SALVAGE OPERATIONS TOLD A/DCM JULY 31 THAT REMOVAL OF DEVESOIRE CAUSEWAY IS GIVING EGYPTIANS CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE. HE WANTED TO ALERT US TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT GOE MAY COME IN WITH A REQUEST THAT US ASSIST IN REMOVAL ACTIVITIES.

2 BOYD SAID HE BECAME AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES EGYPTIANS HAVING WHEN HE WAS INFORMED FOUR WRECKS NORTH OF CAUSEWAY WHICH WERE TO HAVE BEEN TOWED TO AND DUMPED IN GREAT BITTER LAKE NOW WOULD BE DROPPED IN LAKE TIMSAH. TO PLACE WRECKS IN LAKE TIMSAH, HOWEVER, A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DREDGING HAD TO BE COMPLETED.

3. FURTHER,PAT KINNEY, OF TEHCHNICAL EXPLOSIVES, CO., A SUBCONTRACTOR OF MURPHY PACIFIC, HAS BEEN TALKING WITH EGYPTIANS ABOUT CAUSEWAY PROBLEM WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING CONTRACT FOR THE JOB FOR HIS COMPANY. WHILE BOYD FEELS KINNEY MAY HAVE A RIGHT TO PROMOTE HIS COMPANY'S BUSINESS INTERESTS,HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT USG BEING ASKED TO PROVIDE FURTHER AID AS AN OUTGROWTH OF KINNEY'S ACTIVITIES. BOYD FORESEES  
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POSSIBILITY THAT ONCE THE LEAVY LIFT VESSELS COMPLETE

SALVAGE CLEARANCE THEIR WORK GOE MAY SEEK TO HAVE  
THEM ENGAGE IN A PIGGY BACK OPERATION TO REMOVE  
THE CAUSEWAY.

4. CAUSEWAY HAS BEEN REMOVED TO BELOW THE WATER LINE  
AND WHAT IS NOW LEFT CONSISTS OF MASSIVE BOULDERS  
TIGHTLY PACKED WITH EARTH AND SMALLER ROCKS DOWN TO  
THE CANAL FLOOR. BOYD SENSES THAT THE REMOVAL OF  
THE CAUSEWAY IS LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY THE EGYPTIANS  
WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,  
US ARMY, WHEN HE ARRIVES THIS WEEK.  
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